UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under	the	Securities	exchange	Act	٥f	1934

(Amendment No. 1)*

BLACKSTONE GROUP LP (NAME OF ISSUER) COM NEW -----(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

09253U108

-----(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 2011

(Date of event which requires filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b) Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

AllianceBernstein LP 13-3434400

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP * (A) [(B) [X]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION State of Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	8,680,847
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED AS OF	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	39,330
December 31, 2011			
BY EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	9,782,706
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH:	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	39,330

(Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES *

[X]

2.7%

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON * IA

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
BLACKSTONE GROUP LP

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Item 2(a) and (b)

Name of Person Filing and Address of Principal Business Office:

AllianceBernstein L.P 1345 Avenue of the Americas NewYork, N.Y. 10105

(All media outlets, please contact John Meyers at AllianceBernstein (212-969-2301) with any questions. All other questions can be directed to Jerry Celentano at jerry.celentano@allianceBernstein.com)

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Delaware

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: COM NEW

Item 2(e) Cusip Number: 09253U108

Item 3. Type of Reporting Person: Registered Investment Advisor

Item 4. Ownership as of 12/31/2011

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 9,822,036 shares of common stock acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts*
- (b) Percent of Class: 2.7%
- (c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Deemed	Deemed	Deemed	Deemed
to have	to have	to have	to have
Sole Power	Shared Power	Sole Power	Shared Power
to Vote	to Vote	to Dispose	to Dispose
or to	or to	or to	or to
Direct	Direct	Direct the	Direct the
the Vote	the Vote	Disposition	Disposition

AllianceBernstein 8,680,847 39,330 9,782,706 39,330

*AllianceBernstein L.P. is a majority owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, Inc. and an indirect majority owned subsidiary of AXA SA. AllianceBernstein operates under independent management and makes independent decisions from AXA and AXA Financial and their respective subsidiaries and AXA and AXA Financial calculate and report beneficial ownership separately from AllianceBernstein pursuant to guidance provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release Number 34-39538 (January 12, 1998).

AllianceBernstein may be deemed to share beneficial ownership with AXA reporting persons by virtue of 39,330 shares of common stock acquired on behalf of the general and special accounts of the affiliated entities for which AllianceBernstein serves as a subadvisor. Each of AllianceBernstein and the AXA entities reporting herein acquired their shares of common stock for investment purposes in the ordinary course of their investment management and insurance businesses.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.

[X]

- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person. N/A
- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company: N/A
- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 2012, ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.

/s/ Laurence Bertan

Name: Laurence Bertan

Title: SVP and Head of Regulatory Reporting